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REMARKS

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- ☐ 1. On 23 April, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau (3241) was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank or motor transport insignia. Numerous officer dependents were quartered at the installation. On 20 and 23 April, recruit inspections were apparently held in the yard and in the training area. Units of up to 50 men engaged in individual combat training, with several high-ranking officers looking on. The times required for the individual field practices were taken.

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2. No loadings of the troops were observed at Leipzig-Rueckmarsdorf railroad station between 17 and 23 April.

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- ☐ 3. On the evening of 20 April, the east section of the Flak Kaserne (3241) in Leipzig-Schoenau was very lightly occupied. The tank unit stationed there seemed to have left. About 1,000 troops were still stationed there. Recruits received training in the barracks area. No loadings were noticed at Leipzig-Rueckmarsdorf railroad station.

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4. On 23 April, the barracks installation at Leipzig-Heiterblick (8442) quartered about 800 soldiers. No observations indicating a transfer were made at the installation and at the railroad stations of Taucha and Paulsdorf. About 100 soldiers engaged in field training on the training grounds southeast of the barracks installation.

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- ☐ 5. From 12 to 20 April, the Panzer Kaserne (1161) in Borna was still occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No training activity was noticed. There was however intensive activity in the garages and tank sheds. Several strong iron bars were placed at the south gate of the installation. Local residents told that units of an undetermined strength departed toward Chemnitz. No

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preparations for loadings were made at the freight station.

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Comment. The units of the 8th Gds Mech Div stationed in Leipzig and Borna apparently prepared for the departure to the summer camps. Elements from Leipzig and advance parties from Borna had presumably left prior to the time of observation.

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the elements of the Eighth Gds Army stationed in Leipzig-Schoenau can still be carried at the post. This is the first recruit inspection reported from the GDR. The inspection followed directly the termination of the winter training.

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